Hon'ble High Court, Allahabad, in its judgement dated 21.7.93, Archaeological Survey of India has issued directions for grant of fresh licences to eligible photographers for the centrally protected monuments in Agra.

(c) The details of seven judgements delivered to date, include certain conditions to be adhered to by photographers within the protected monuments, fee to be paid by the photographers for obtaining licence and directions to Archaeological Survey of India to consider applications on merit.

Incidents of train derailments in Kerala

3479 SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of derailments have become widespread in Kerala recently;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents reported involving goods/passenger trains and the loss incurred in each case during the year 1998; month-wise;

(c) whether the frequency of safety checking in the trains have been reduced recently; and

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) Statistics of train accidents are maintained Railway Zone-wise and not State-wise. During the period 1.1.1998 to 30.6.1998, there have been 30 cases of derailments on Southern Railway. Month-wise break-up of derailments involving Goods and Passenger trains as also their cost of damage is as follows:—

Month	No. of derailments	Cost of damage to railway property (Rupees in lakhs)
January '98	3	1.64
February '98	5	1.13
March '98	6	9.81
April '98	4	3.46
May '98	6	3.57
June '98	6	82.12
TOTAL	30	101.73

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Safety in train operations is accorded highest priority and as such no laxity is allowed to creep in at any stage.

Difficulties faced in trains on Konkan Railway

3480. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of complaints have been received by the Railways regarding the difficulties being faced by the passengers travelling in the trains on the Konkan Railway;

(b) if so, the number and details thereof, category-wise and the steps taken to redress them;

(c) whether the trains on the Konkan Railway line are not maintaining their time schedule; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated to ensure that the trains on the Konkan Railway adhere to the time schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of complaints received after introduction of through traffic with effect from 26-1-1998 and steps taken are as under:—

	New Station	Reservations and bookings	Stoppages	Late running	Catering	Misc.	Total
Received at Stns.	—	2	—	5	4	5	16
Received at HQ.	2	7	21	13	4	13	60
TOTAL	2	9	21	18	8	18	76

(i) New stations—sugestions are under scrutiny for feasibility and commercial viability.

(ii) Reservation and bookings—some of the complaints pertain to the period immediately following extension of trains to Madgaon with effect from 26.1.1998. Complaints are investigated and corrective steps taken where necessary.

(iii) Stoppages—most of the complaints were for providing stoppages at Madgaon, Khed, Chiplum, Sangmeshwar, Vaibhavwadi, Kudal, Madure, Pernem, Thivim, Cancona, Ankola, Kumta, Honnavar, Murdeshwar, Kundapure, Udupi, Suratkal, etc. Most of these stations have been provided stoppages by different express trains in a staggered fashion.

(iv) Late Running—Details at (c) & (d) given as under:—

(v) Catering—Out of a total of 49 stations, tea stalls are available at 30 stations. In addition Vegetarian/Non-Vegetarian restaurants are available at Ratnagiri and Madgaon. In-train vending of tea/coffee/snacks etc. are available. Additional steps are being taken to improve the facilities by introducing mobile trolleys.

(vi) Miscellaneous—These complaintssuggestons pertain to various subjects sueh as re-naming of stations, supply of bed-zolls, inadequacy of passenger amenities, etc. These are being continuously monitored and corrective action taken where necessary.

(c) Trains do run late at times mostly, it is case of Southern Railways and Central Railways handling over late to Konkan Railway which causes late running. During monsoon, precautionary measures on Konkan Railway cause addition to running time. But most of the complaints relate to pre-monsoon period.

(d) Most of the complaints pertain to train No. 6635 6636 i.e Netravati Express. This train was suffering detention and losing time on Southern , Konkan as well as Central Railways due to various reasons and the cascading effect tended to accumulate. Both Southern Railway and Central Railway have taken a review and the train 6635/6636 is now rescheduled to a better path to avoid losing of time on Southern Railway and Central Railway.

BOLT system for implementation of railway projects

3481. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH:

Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Four member Committee appointed to study the feasibility of BOLT system has recommended to cancel the BOLT system for implementation of the railway projects;